

BRISTOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Bristol, Connecticut

January 7, 2026

(Meeting Date)

Information Item

Decision Item

AGENDA REPORTING FORM

TOPIC: Curriculum Revision: AP Biology

BACKGROUND:

AP Biology is an introductory college-level biology course that builds off of students' previous high school biology course. Students cultivate their understanding of biology through inquiry-based investigations as they explore the following topics: evolution, cellular processes, energy and communication, genetic information transfer, ecology, and interactions. This course requires that 25% of the instructional time will be spent in hands-on laboratory work, with an emphasis on inquiry-based investigations that provides opportunities to apply the science practices. Inquiry-based laboratory experiences support the AP Biology course and AP Course Audit curricular requirements by providing opportunities for students to engage in the science practices as they design plans for experiments, make predictions, collect and analyze data, apply mathematical routines, develop explanations, and communicate about their work.

Students will be required to take the Advanced Placement Examination in May.

COST: \$0

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

[AP Biology CURRICULUM \(2025\).pdf](#)

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